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One day, up-and-coming young photographer Franz Schumann makes a fateful encounter. A beautiful young man with jet-black hair, eyes that show traces of a fresh grief, white skin like porcelain that, though it's decorated with numerous bruises, is still sublime: Jay. He won't tell the whole story of where he's from, and Franz, wanting to keep the mysterious Jay as his exclusive model, as time passes, begins to fall in love with him...

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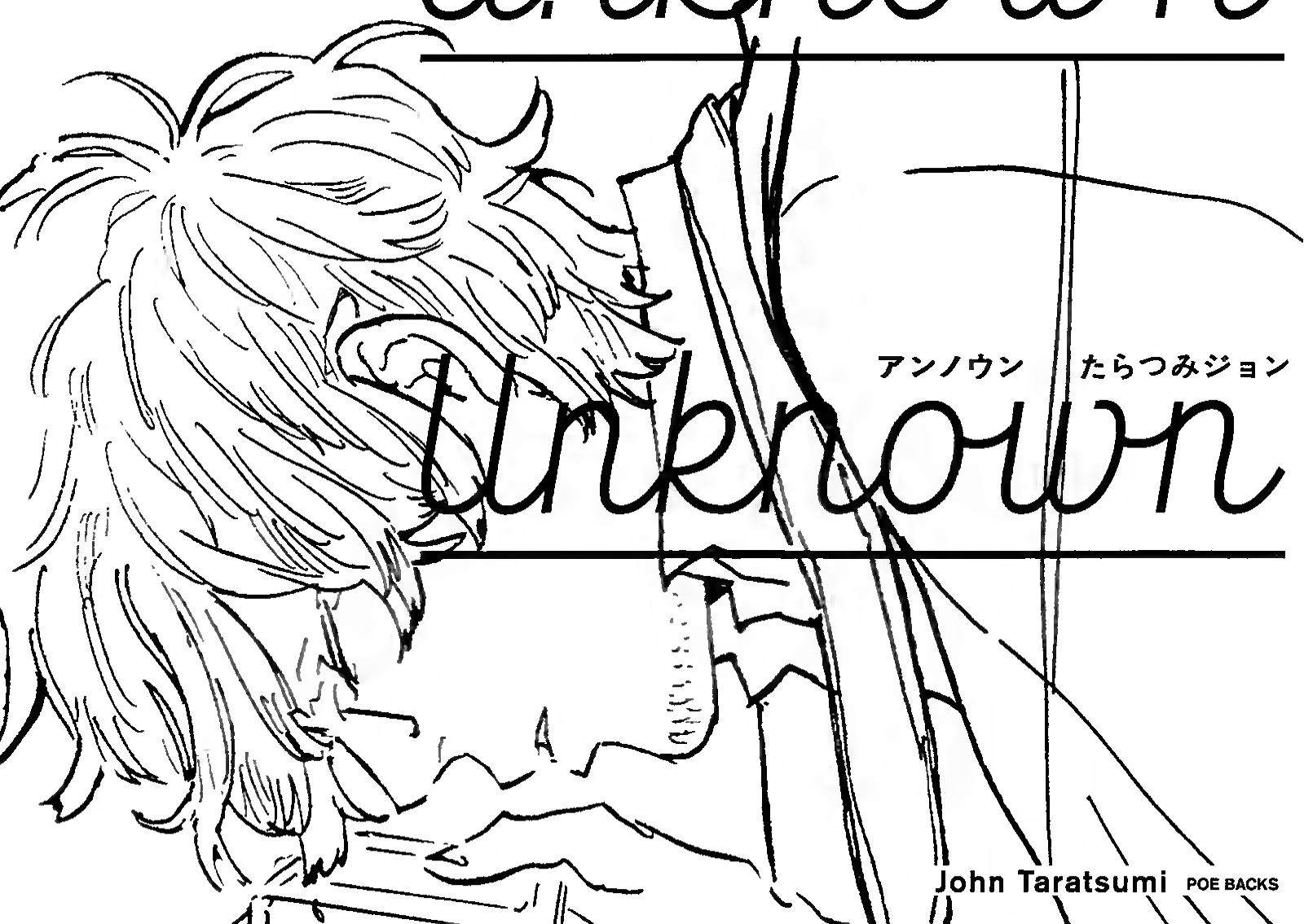
Taratsumi John

Pleased to meet you, I'm Taratsumi John.
This is my first comic.
Thanks for reading this far. It would please me so much if you enjoyed this collection of short stories.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DID YOU SEE THAT AD?
THE ONE THAT'S STUCK UP THERE SO BIG AND RIGHT IN THE MIDDLE?
OH, THAT BRAND ALWAYS HAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL ADS
IT'S GORGE-OUS!
BUT ISN'T IT A LITTLE IN BAD TASTE?
NOW HE'S GREAT.
WHAT A CUTE GUY!
WHO IS THAT MODEL?
FIRST TIME I'VE SEEN HIM.
FEELS LIKE I'M GONNA GET SUCKED INTO THE DEEP GREEN OF THOSE EYES OF HIS!
A MATCH-LESS YOUNG MAN
I'D LIKE TO HAVE MORE OF HIM THAN JUST A PHOTO.
FRANZ SCHUMAN!
EWM
PR
FW

HE'S STILL YOUNG, ISN'T HE?
BUT YEAH, LATELY I'VE SEEN HIS NAME A LOT
HIS PROJECT WITH THAT MODEL MADE A HUGE SPLASH
IF HIS NEXT SOLO PROJECT DOES AS WELL, HE'LL BE ON THE FAST TRACK TO SUCCESS!
Ha ha!
CHINESE
WANG.
AND THEN HE'LL BE IN THE THICK OF THINGS
THIS POSTER.
ITS INFLUENCE IS AMAZING
WITH ALL THIS BUZZ, I'LL BE BURIED IN WORK
YOU.

...DON'T REALLY..

...CARE WHO IT IS.

AS LONG AS IT'S FOOD, YOU'LL EAT IT

BITE

To put it mildly,

Some years later, groups of women downtown were excited by the story that he had fallen in love with the boy in that photo.

at this time, the world was like a dream to him.

It's easy to imagine.

You think so?

Ten more shots!
Everyone has a one-sided love.
And he fell...
madly.

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IT'S THE EYE OF FATE.
I'M ONE STEP CLOSER TO SUCCESS
AT LONG LAST, TODAY IS THE OPENING OF FRANZ SCHUMAN'S ONE-MAN SHOW
YOU HAVE LOTS OF WILD FANTASIES, DON'T YOU?
HAHA!
WE'LL BE FLOODED WITH INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS MAGNIFICENT MODEL.
...
THE WORLD WILL LOVE YOU
THE WORLD WILL KNOW YOU
THE REVOLUTION HAS BEGUN

THEN IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT...
BUT I BELIEVE I'M A TRUE REALIST.
JAY.
BUT INSTEAD...
IF YOU WANT TO TALK ABOUT FANTASIES,

LET'S DO SOMETHING FUN.
JAY, ARE MY KISSES GETTING BETTER?
STUUUPID
From his skin and his way of speaking, much can be learned.
An English-man...
...who often bites his nails.
His favorite thing to eat is hamburgers, no veg.
Hah
Hah

These are things I've learned since I've met him.
Mn
LICK IT.
He's always listening to music (he's not picky about the genre).
He seems to hate reading handwriting.
YES, THAT'S RIGHT
He's been a mystery since the time I met him.
Franz!

YO. HAVE YOU SEEN THE MAGAZINE ARTICLE ABOUT YOU?
BEN! IT'S BEEN A LONG TIME!
YES, THANKS
THANK YOU, ER...
I'M A FAN OF YOUR WORK, TOO.
Ha ha!
SEEMS LIKE THINGS ARE GOING WELL FOR YOU.
NICE TO MEET YOU
AH, THIS IS COLE, MY LOVER.

WHAT A WASTE OF TIME...
SHALL I LEAVE..?
It's been awhile since I've been to a gay club.
LOOK, LOOK AT THAT BOY OVER THERE!
IS HE A MIDDLE SCHOOLER?
WHAT SHOULD WE DO? SHOULD WE GO SAY "HI"?
That's where I met Jay.
ARE THEY TOGETHER?
OH NO! WHAT SHALL WE DO?

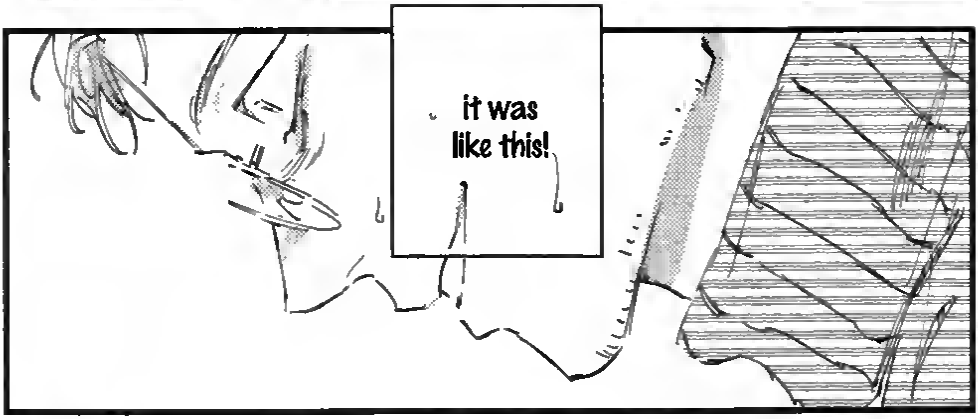
SORRY, HAVE I KEPT YOU WAITING?
HUH? WHO'RE YOU?
MOP!
OH, DEAR
CREAK
HIS NAME IS MOP. HE'S MY COUSIN.
WANT TO DRINK? I'M SITTING OVER HERE.

HUH?
ARE YOU BUYING?
His eyes were clear, with the freshness of new greenery.
SLAM

Hah
ZIIIR
Hah
OH...
BECAUSE OF YOUR HAIR
WHY'D YOU CALL ME "MOP"?
First, I was taken by his eyes.
When I started to undress him, he had youthful skin like white porcelain...
Hah
WHAT'S YOUR NAME?
Set off by his jet-black hair.
Hah

JAY.
It hit me like a load of bricks.

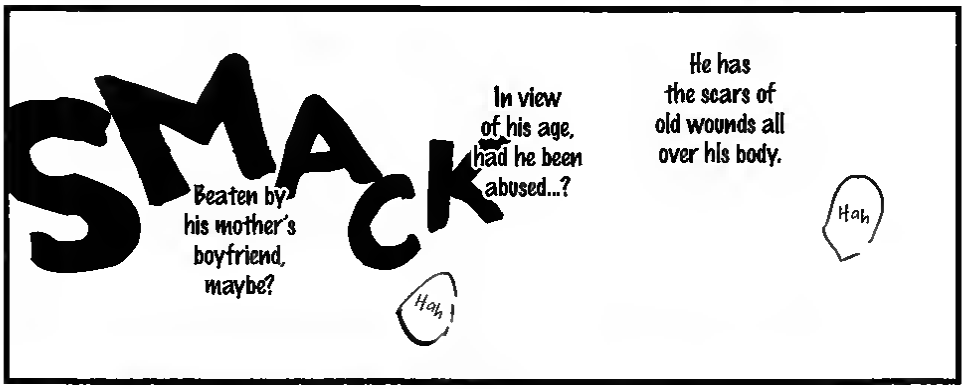
Ah
Instead,
NO...
WHAT ARE THOSE BRUISES?
ARE THEY GROSS? IF YOU DON'T LIKE THEM WE CAN STOP


it was like this!

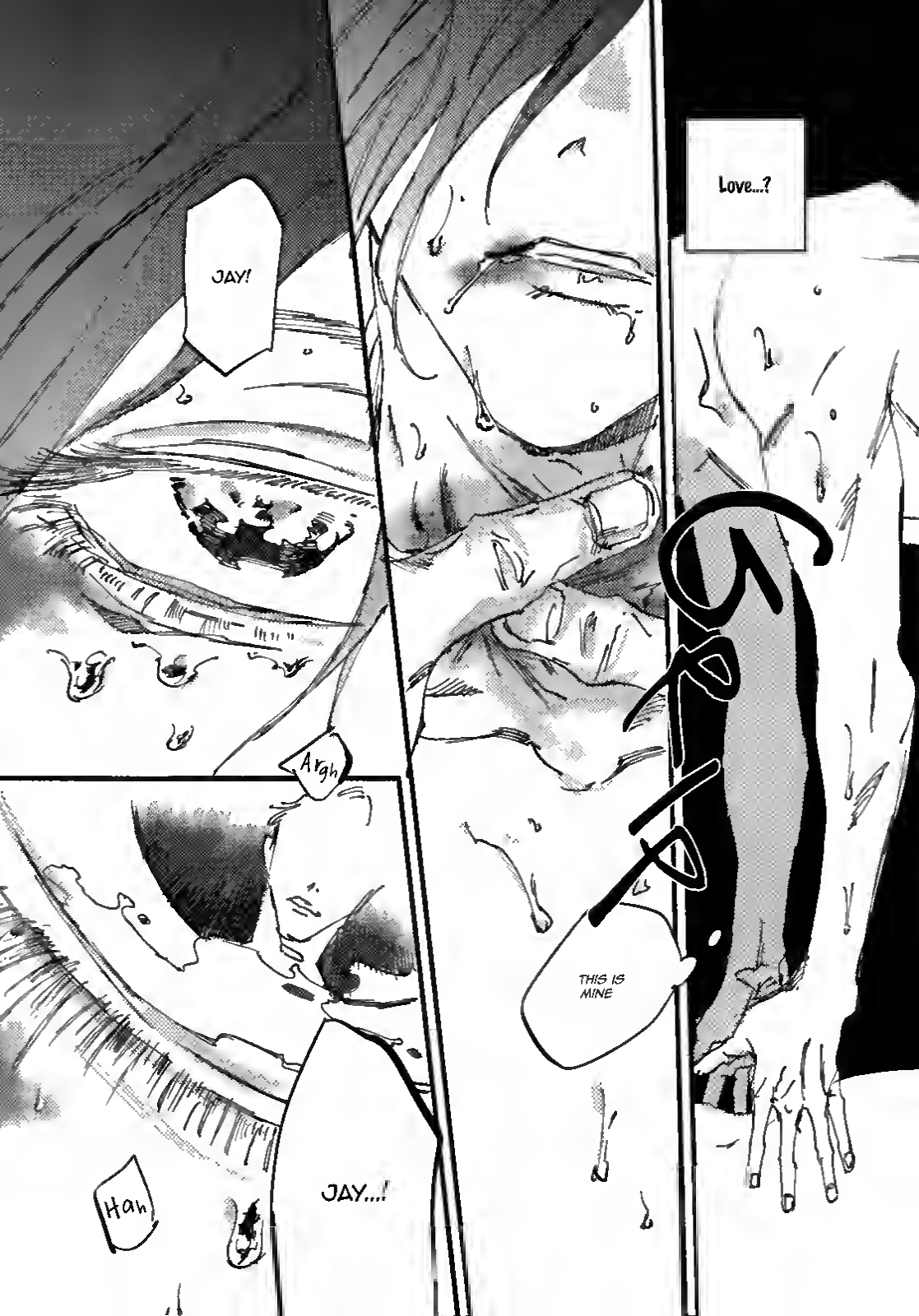
JUST AS I THOUGHT..

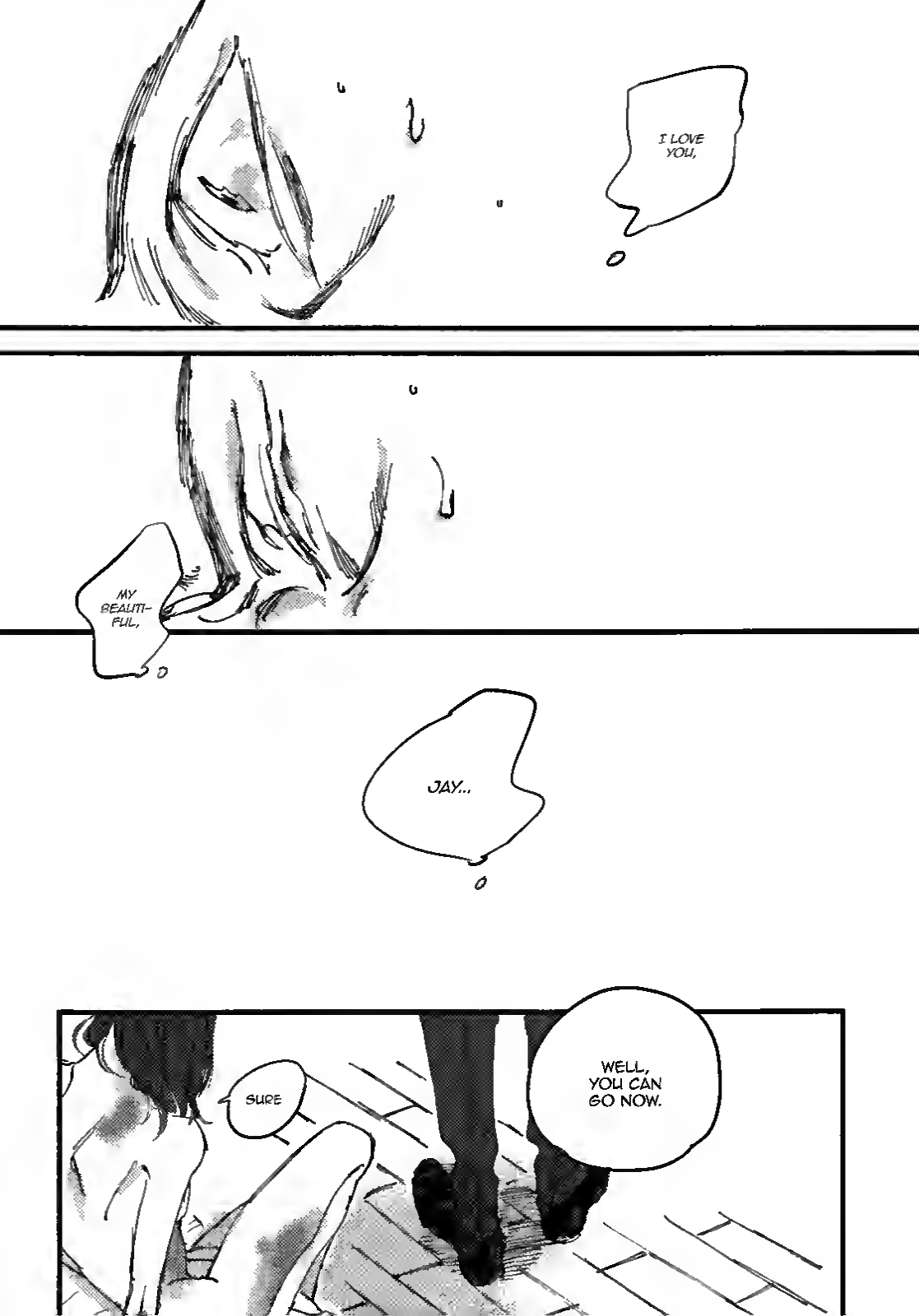
YOU'RE ASSESSING ME, BUT I'M AMBIGUOUS.
YOU DON'T EVEN UNDERSTAND...
YOU HAVE BAD TASTE.
AND YOU'RE SELLING YOURSELF TO EARN LIVING WAGES
...
...WHAT YOU HAVE THERE.
DO IT THE NORMAL WAY...
...what you were before I met you.
I also want to know...

OKAY...


SMACK
Beaten by his mother's boyfriend, maybe?
In view of his age, had he been abused...?
Hah!
He has the scars of old wounds all over his body.
Hah

Was he able to tolerate it because of the connection with my creative works?
These acts were a departure from my own sense of ethics.
I became obsessed with this cliche of a fantasy.
Or...


Love...?
JAY!
Argh
THIS IS MINE
Hah
JAY...!


I LOVE YOU,
MY BEAUTI-FUL,
JAY...
SURE
WELL, YOU CAN GO NOW.

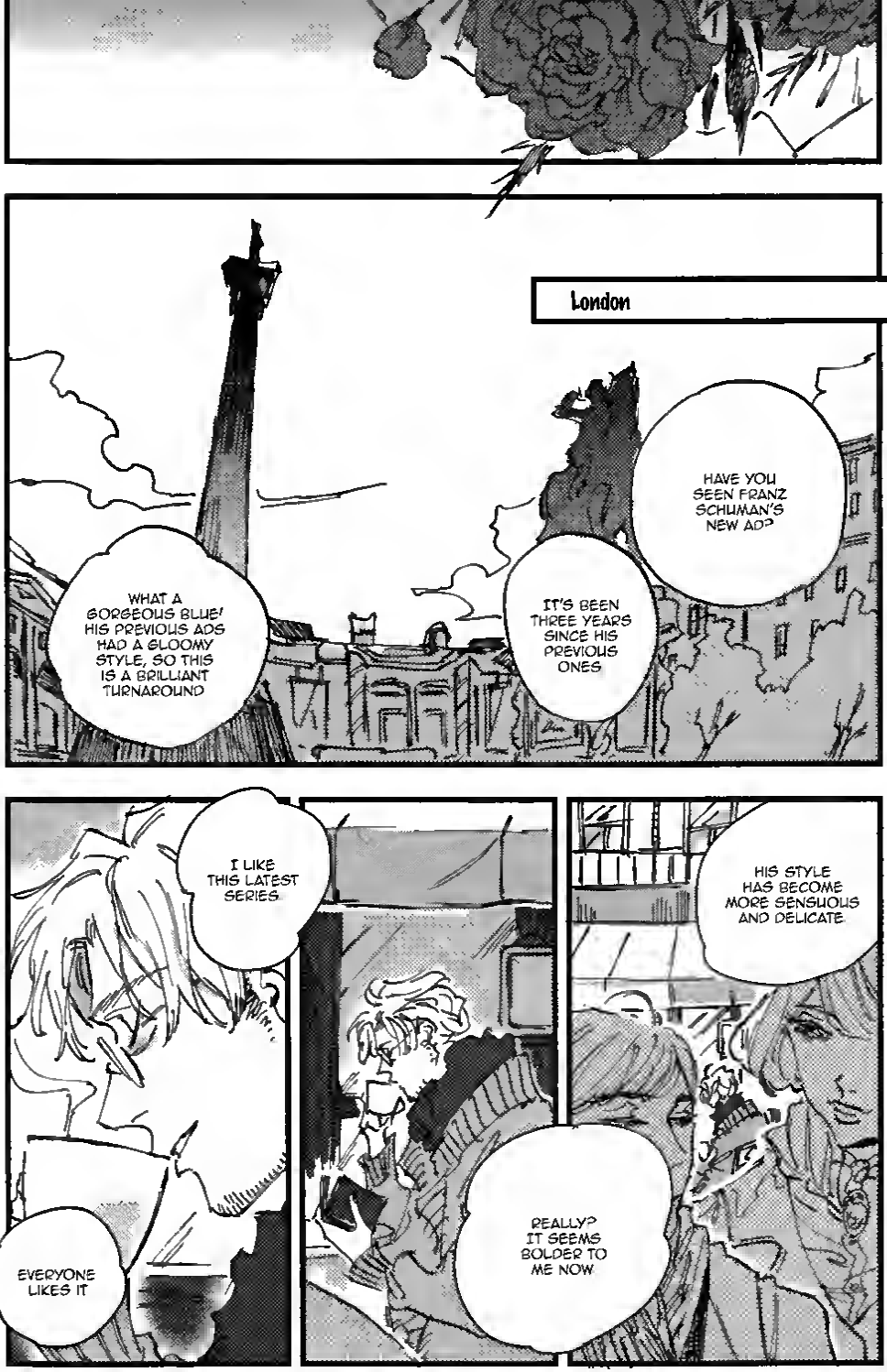
I'M GOING TO HURRY HOME
WHY?
BECAUSE I WANT TO BE WITH YOU
...SEE YOU.
...YEAH,
SEE YOU.
SLAM
FRANZ!
HEY, TONY
I'VE BEEN WAITING! WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING?
SORRY I OVERSLEPT A LITTLE
YOU!
JUST KIDDING, JUST KIDDING!

IT'S ABOUT TIME
NOW I'M NERVOUS
HE'S HERE FOR ANOTHER EVENT AND THEIR OFFICE IS HUGE, SO HE HAS STAFF COMING YOU'D BETTER MAKE SURE TO GREET HIM
YEAH, YEAH
FROM PARIS?!
THE EDITOR IN CHIEF OF GRAFFITI IS COMING TOO, YOU KNOW
HE'S HERE!
FRANZ!
PLEASE SHAKE MY HAND!
IS THE MYSTERY MODEL HERE TODAY?
NICE TO MEET YOU.
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE RELEASE!
CONGRATULATIONS!

Right.
This is it.
THIS NEW SERIES IS MAGNIFICENT!
YOUR DISCERNING EYE HAS FOUND A STAR IN THIS NEW MODEL
WHAT'S HIS NAME? HE'LL DEFINITELY HAVE MORE WORK THAN HE—
HAHA! YOU STARTLED ME
SIMPLY EVERYBODY HAS FALLEN IN LOVE WITH THAT BOY
EVERYONE WILL BE WATCHING HIM!
STUNNING WORK, FRANZ!
Just like this...

I find my looked-for success.
Everyone is fascinated with him.
And Jay also,
I mustn't let go of him.
RUMBLE
KEEP THE CHANGE
HURRY UP
HURRY BACK TO JAY
CLANG CLANG
KA CHACK
I'M HOME

JAY?
JAY, THEY WERE EVEN TALKING ABOUT HAVING YOU FOR THE BILL-BOARDS FOR NEXT YEAR'S COLLECTIONS
SORRY, IT WAS A HUGE SUCCESS, SO I STAYED LATE.
OPEN
JAY...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HAVE YOU SEEN FRANZ SCHUMAN'S NEW AD?
IT'S BEEN THREE YEARS SINCE HIS PREVIOUS ONES
WHAT A GORGEOUS BLUE! HIS PREVIOUS ADS HAD A GLOOMY STYLE, SO THIS IS A BRILLIANT TURNAROUND
I LIKE THIS LATEST SERIES
EVERYONE LIKES IT
HIS STYLE HAS BECOME MORE SENSUOUS AND DELICATE
REALLY? IT SEEMS BOLDER TO ME NOW

For two years after that, I desperately searched for Jay.
FRANZ Shuman
FRANZ
For one of those years I resorted to drinking every night.
And for a year, I smoked five times my normal amount of cigarettes.
The boundary between reality and illusion disappeared one day.
FRANZ!
BANG

...HUH?
Ngh!
YOU SHOULD TAKE A BREAK.

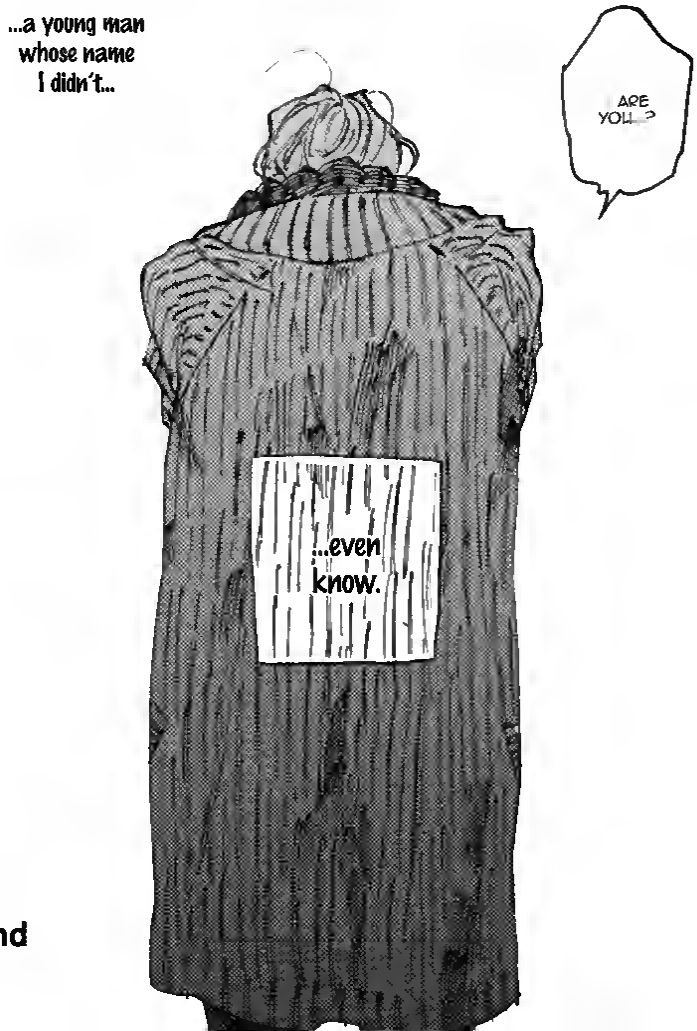
YEAH...
FORGIVE ME...
CLU
NK
And one year...
I GUESS...
...THAT'S ENOUGH OF THAT
ASHE!

SHOCK
JAY!
STOP, I SAID!
AHAHA!
YOUNG PEOPLE SURE ARE ENERGETIC

ASHE!

I KNOW!
HURRY UP!
WHAT'RE YOU DOING?
JAY...
MY MOM GOT DIVORCED!

FINALLY!
HA, HAHA...
Ah ha ha!
JUST HIS NAME...
I received praise.
Fame and money, everything I have...
has now become bitter to me.



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